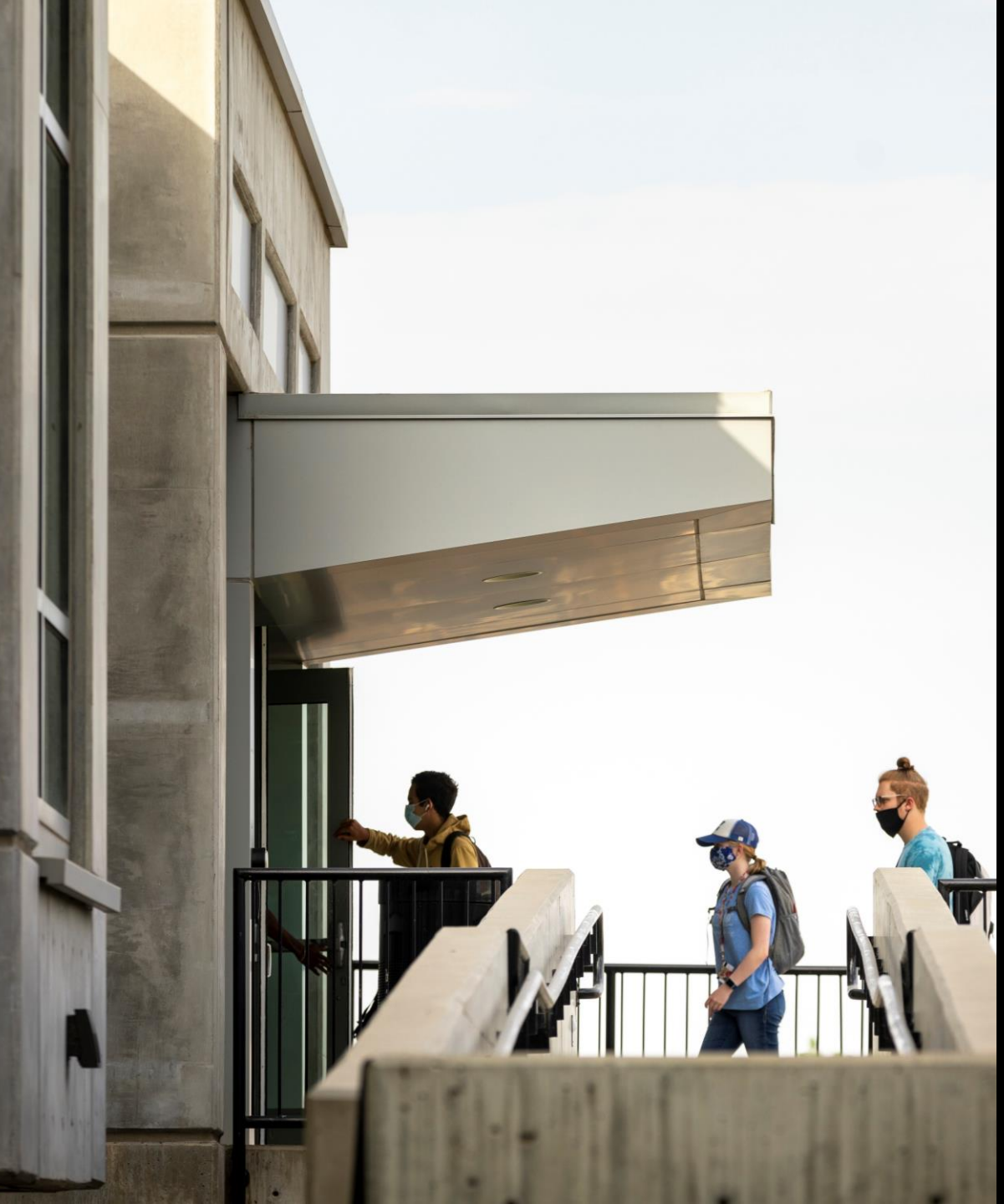
UVU DURING COVID-19: CRISIS AND OPPORTUNITY

SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

UVU IS AN INTEGRATED UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE (42,000 ENROLLED STUDENTS IN FALL 2019)

Thank you!



THE STUDENTS WE SERVE AT UVU

- 36% are first-generation students
- 51% are part-time students
- 32% are older than 25
- 40% are married or in a partnership
- 17% support at least one child
- 80% are employed
- 27% work more than 31 hours per week
- 21% are students of color

"MARCH MADNESS" 2020

Empty Utah: Utah Valley University

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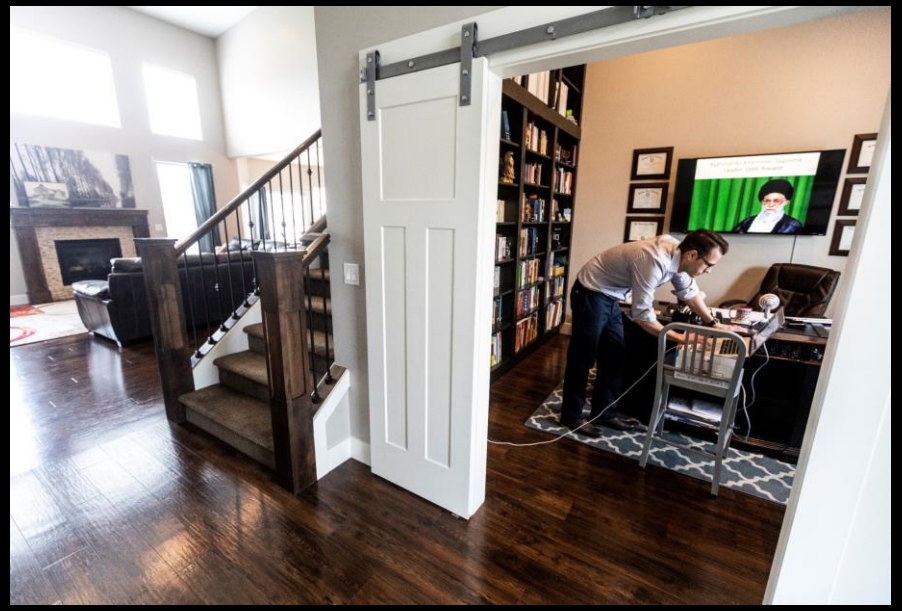
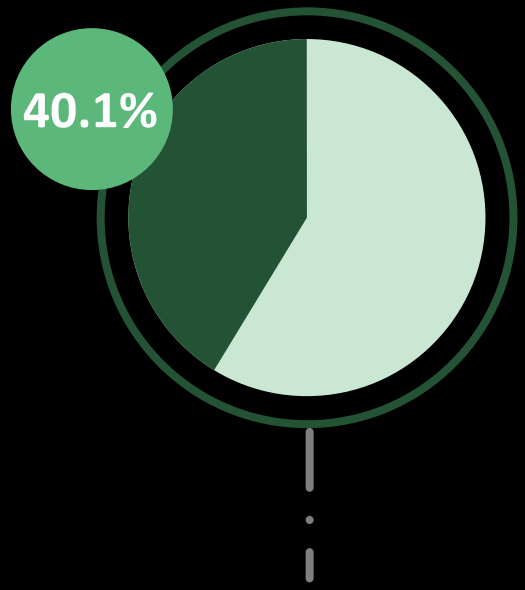
OREM, Utah (ABC4 News) – Places once bustling with activity, now seemingly deserted and desolate, as businesses and schools close their doors amid the COV 19 pandemic. News Drone 4 captures a quiet Utah Valley University.

- Living with a new normal
- Daily Cabinet meetings
- Frequent and clear communication
- Remote work and services
- Study abroad, travel and events cancelled; internships modified
- 4,000+ sections moved online; spring semester completed
- Some face-to-face courses, May 18
- "Return to Campus" started June 8
- Fall semester started August 24

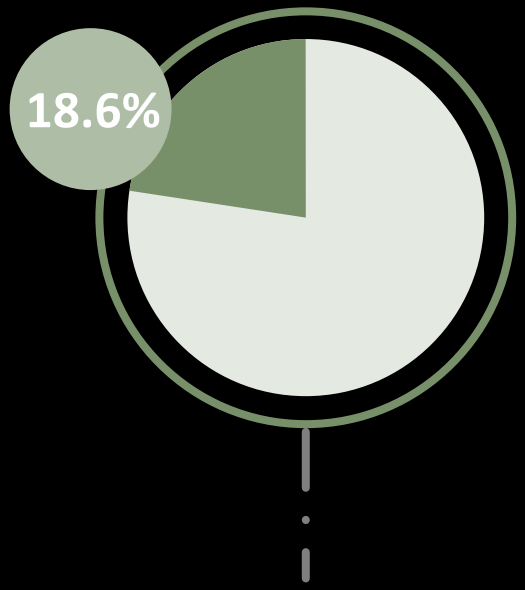
FALL SEMESTER 2020



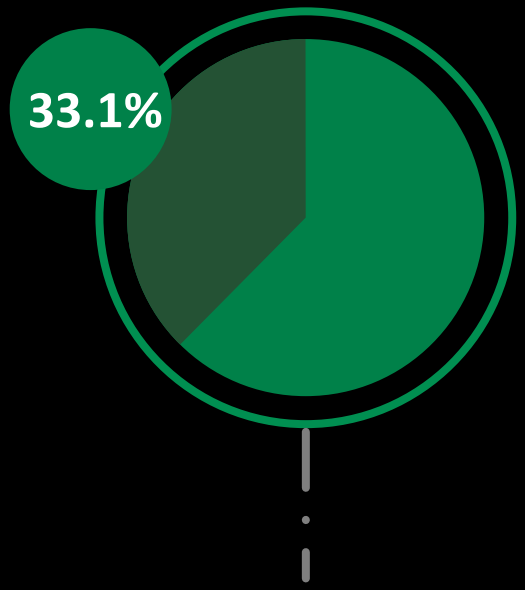
CLASS ENROLLMENT IN FALL



Face-to-face Classes (Social Distancing Guidelines)



Livestreamed Classes (Synchronous Learning)



Online Classes (Asynchronous Learning)

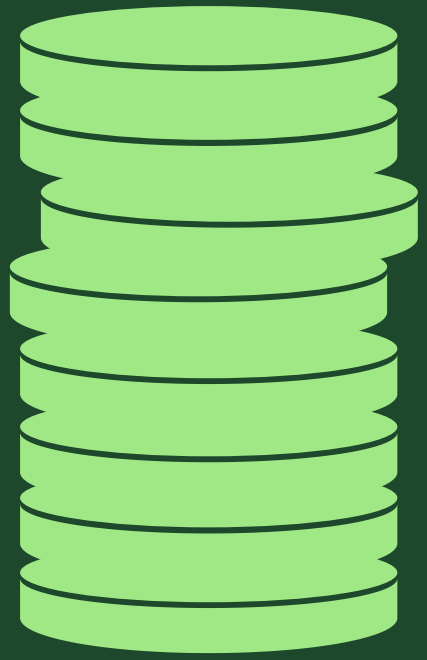
PHYSICAL SAFETY

- Mask mandate
- Socially-distanced classrooms
- Additional cleaning
- Upgraded ventilators
- Touch-free faucets, water bottle stations, and toilets

STUDENT SUPPORT SYSTEM

- Computer labs, laptops for checkout, WiFi hotspots from the library
- Mental health services
- First-Gen Success Center
- Mask distribution (23 locations)
- CARE Initiative (housing, food, etc.)
- 25% reduction in student fees

DIRECT FINANCIAL HELP: CARES ACT



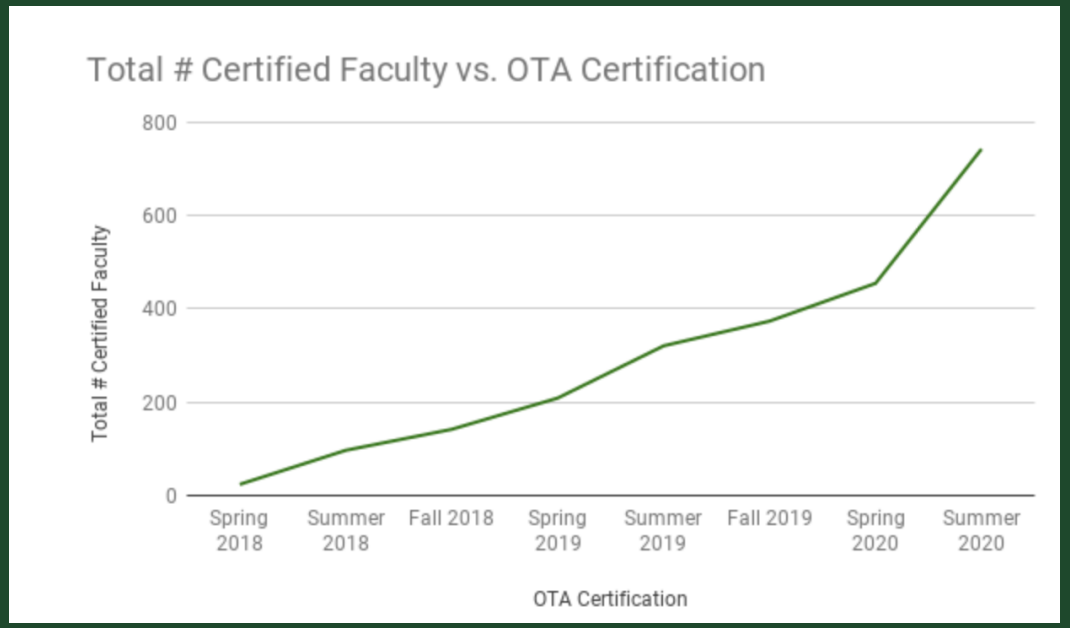
$7.8 MILLION

7,947 STUDENTS WITH FINANCIAL NEED

FACULTY & STAFF SUPPORT SYSTEM

- Digital transformation services:
  -Livestream technology in classrooms
  -Automated classroom functions (298 of 379 fully automated)
- Faculty training, certification, support
- 873 notes of appreciation and a gift card (after student survey)

Certificates and Degrees You Can Earn Online.



40% of all faculty are certified

43% of FT faculty are certified

373 newly certified since COVID

173 enrolled in fall cohort

737 FT, 1131 Adjuncts

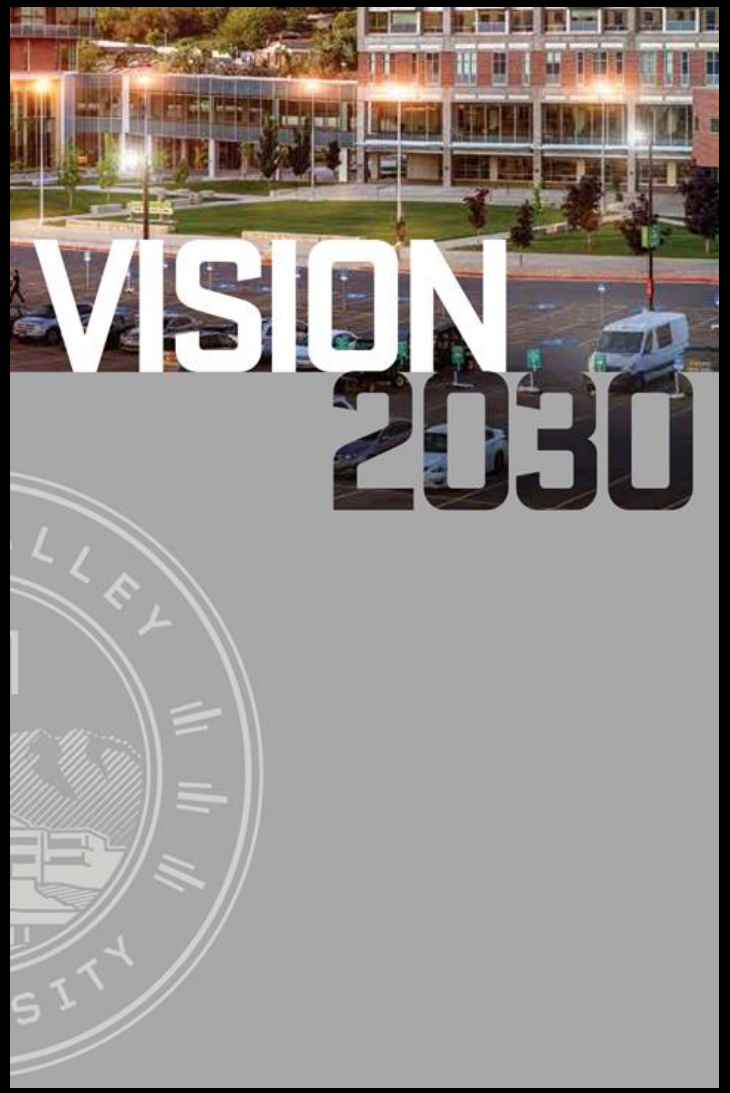
COMMUNICATIONS

SELF-REPORTING AND CONTACT TRACING

- Self-reporting
- Individualized phone calling
- Contact tracing
- Divided staff responsibilities:
  - 1 staff member over athletics (350 athletes)
  - 2 HR staff members over all staff
  - 1 staff member over students
  - 5 additional incoming staff to assist with students
- More support needed

SPRING SEMESTER 2021 AND BEYOND

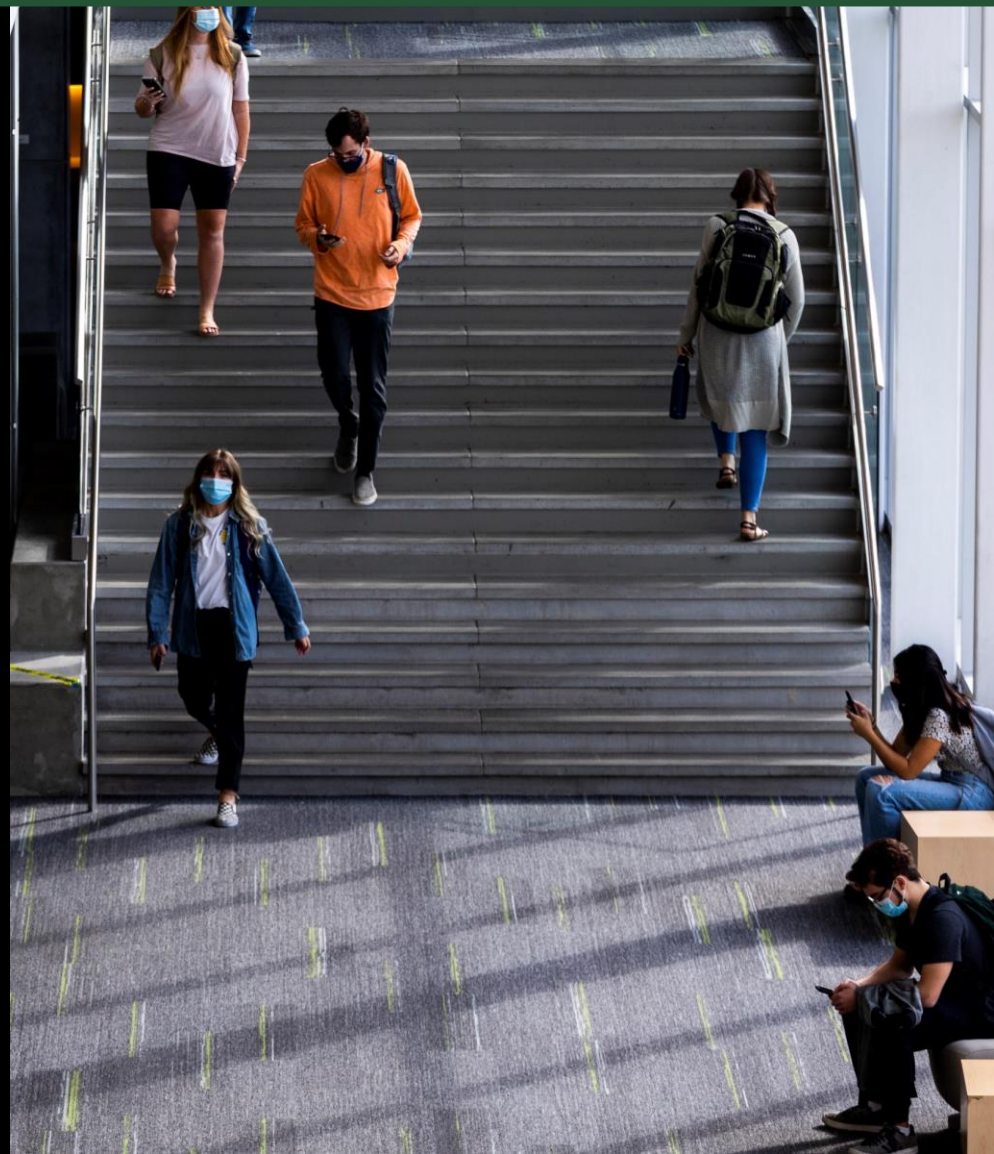
“STAY SAFE TO STAY OPEN”



STRATEGY #1 – Enhance student success and accelerate completion of meaningful credentials

STRATEGY #2 – Improve accessibility, flexibility, and affordability for all current and future UVU students

STRATEGY #3 – Strengthen partnerships for community, workforce, and economic development



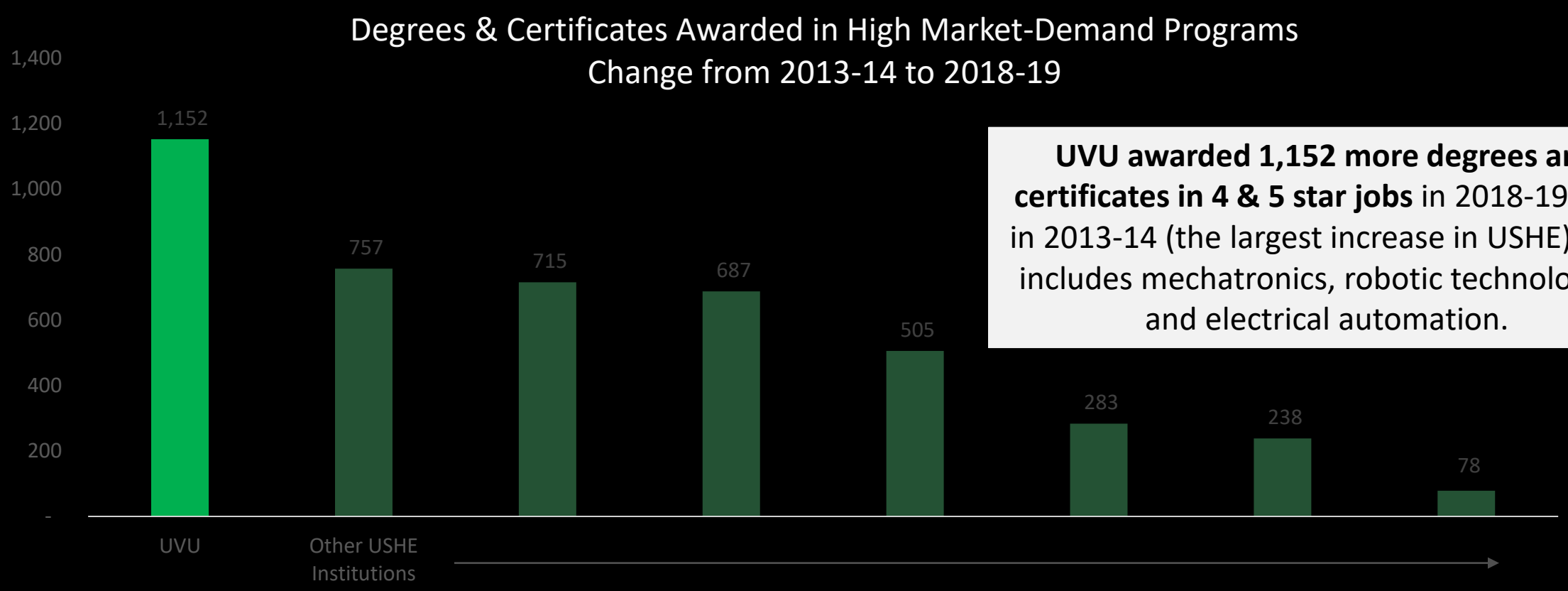
HIGHER EDUCATION WILL BE A KEY DRIVER OF RECOVERY AND A STRONG UTAH ECONOMY.

HOW DO WE EMPOWER THE MOST VULNERABLE?

LEARN &WORK IN UT

- 21 short-term training programs, tuition-free, at UVU (funded by CARES Act)
- 4 credit programs and 17 non-credit programs (UVU Executive Education and Continuing Education)
- 2,427 applicants for 719 spots
- $1.5M in funding
- https://www.uvu.edu/ce/learnandwork/

GRADUATES IN UTAH'S 4- & 5- STAR JOBS



UVU awarded 1,152 more degrees and certificates in 4 & 5 star jobs in 2018-19 than in 2013-14 (the largest increase in USHE). This includes mechatronics, robotic technologies, and electrical automation.

OUR DUAL MISSION IS MORE RELEVANT THAN EVER!
UNIVERSITY

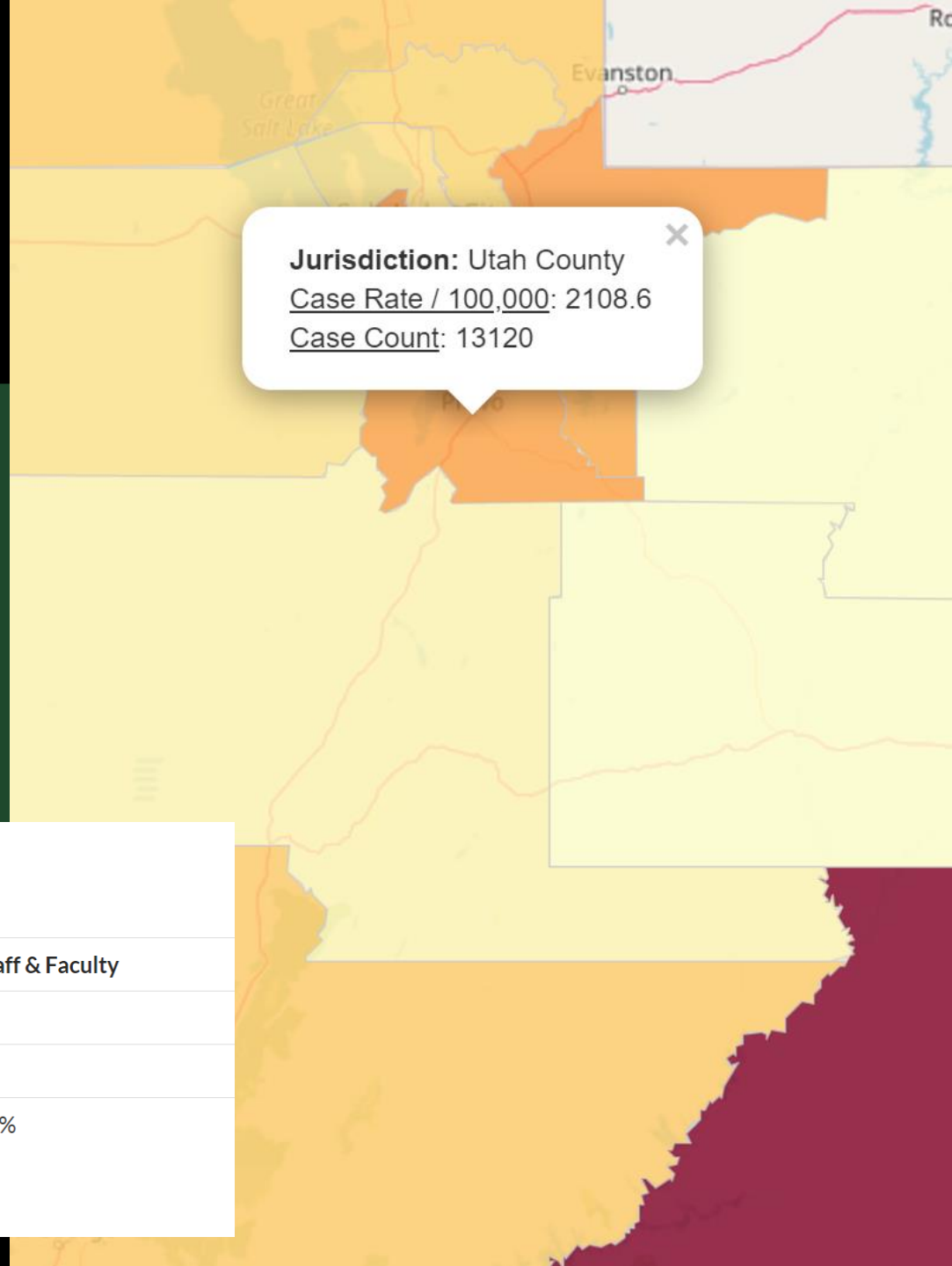
K-16 ALLIANCE
UVU | MTECH

IN UTAH, WE SUCCEED TOGETHER!

- Strengthening our K-16 ALLIANCE
- Enhancing collaboration with M-TECH and other tech colleges
- Working with UBHE
- ***Working with our legislators***

CHALLENGE: COVID-19 NUMBERS IN UTAH COUNTY

- Rising caseload driven by high school and college age groups
- Unaffiliated, off-campus social activities not following safety precautions and guidelines



Current self-reported case count

As of September 14, 2020

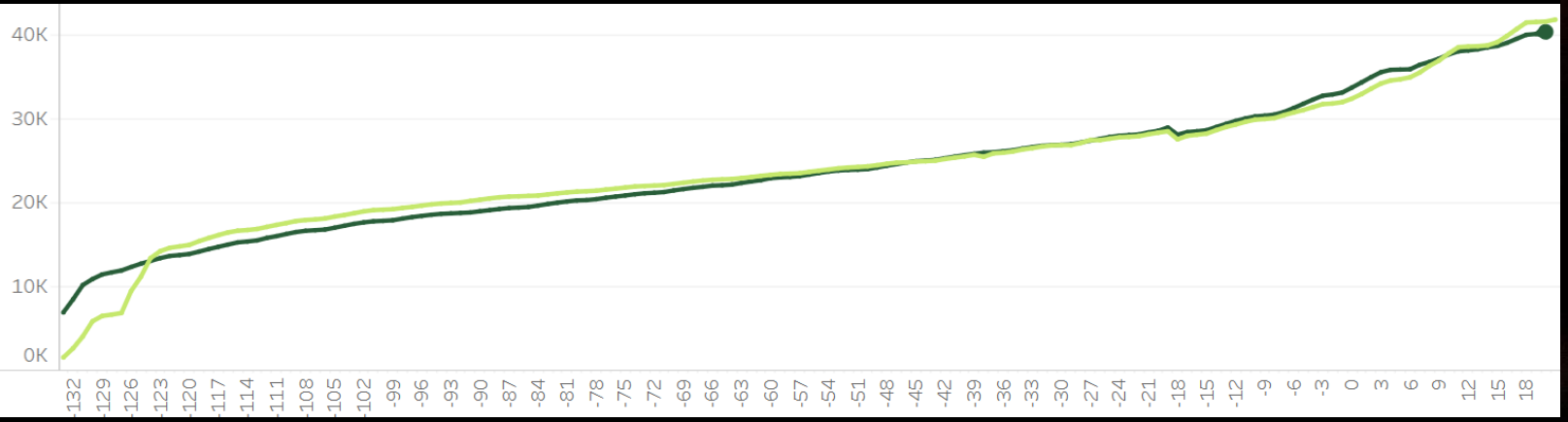
Self-Reported Case Count at UVU	Students	Staff & Faculty
Positive cases cumulative	151	47
Positive cases past seven days	58	5
% change from last week	152%	67%

DESPITE COVID . . .

2020 SUMMER & FALL ENROLLMENT

Summer 2020: Highest FTE of any summer

Fall 2020: 40,269 enrolled students (3% below last year)



2020 GRADUATION

6,840 awards to 6,410 students

2,893 FIRST-GEN GRADUATES!

3. Utah Valley University has a return on investment of 84.7%.

Utah Valley University

Location: Orem, Utah

Median earnings after 10 years: $43,800

Average cost of attendance: $12,921

Number of undergraduate students enrolled: 28,278

BUSINESS INSIDER

- UVU was ranked as the university with the 3rd highest return on investment in the country by Business Insider.

UVU WEB DESIGN PROGRAM

- UVU's web design program was ranked #1 in the nation for the new generation of web designers

COLLEGE MAGAZINE

1. UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

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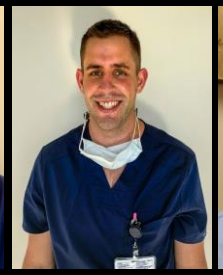
We know Utah for its spectacular state parks, and now we can remember it for clinching an accolade in the web design world as well. Utah Valley University offers an Associate and Bachelor's degree in Web Design and Development, as well as emphases in either Interaction and Design or Web and Mobile App Development. Akin to learning a foreign language, immersion in the field teaches students just what they can accomplish after graduation. UVU students construct their foundation through hands-on courses in core technical skills, as well as substantial classroom experience in their emphasis area. But don't expect the typical classroom setting with chairs, desks and a lecture. "**[Professors] make sure that the normal classroom mold is broken**. One of our classrooms for example simulates kind of a home. We have a doorway that has smart cameras, it has a smart fridge, a smart TV…We get to explore how different technologies work, whether it be for creating an interface for the smart fridge, or for creating a smart screen with the Apple Home kit," said recent graduate Kevin Acosta. All kinds of tech and software to play with also await UVU students in the Advanced Digital Media Sand Box located on campus.

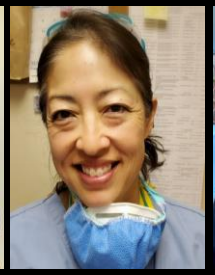
FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- $350,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to help rejuvenate Utah Lake
- $425,000 for the Center for Constitutional Studies from the National Endowment for the Humanities to digitize and analyze constitutionally-based historical documents

BECAUSE OF COVID . . .

#UVUHEROES





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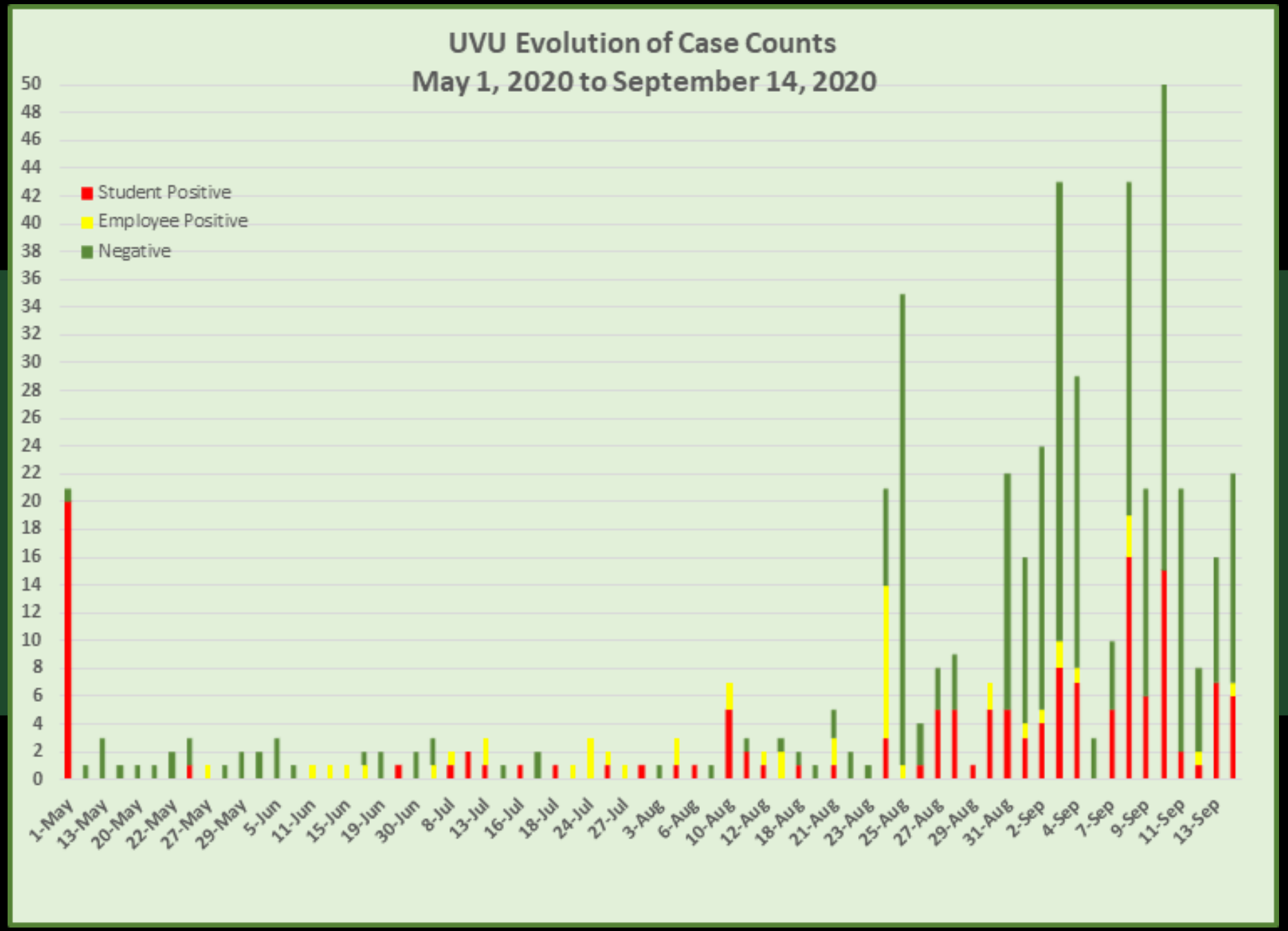
UVU Evolution of Case Counts
May 1, 2020 to September 14, 2020
Student Positive
Employee Positive
Negative
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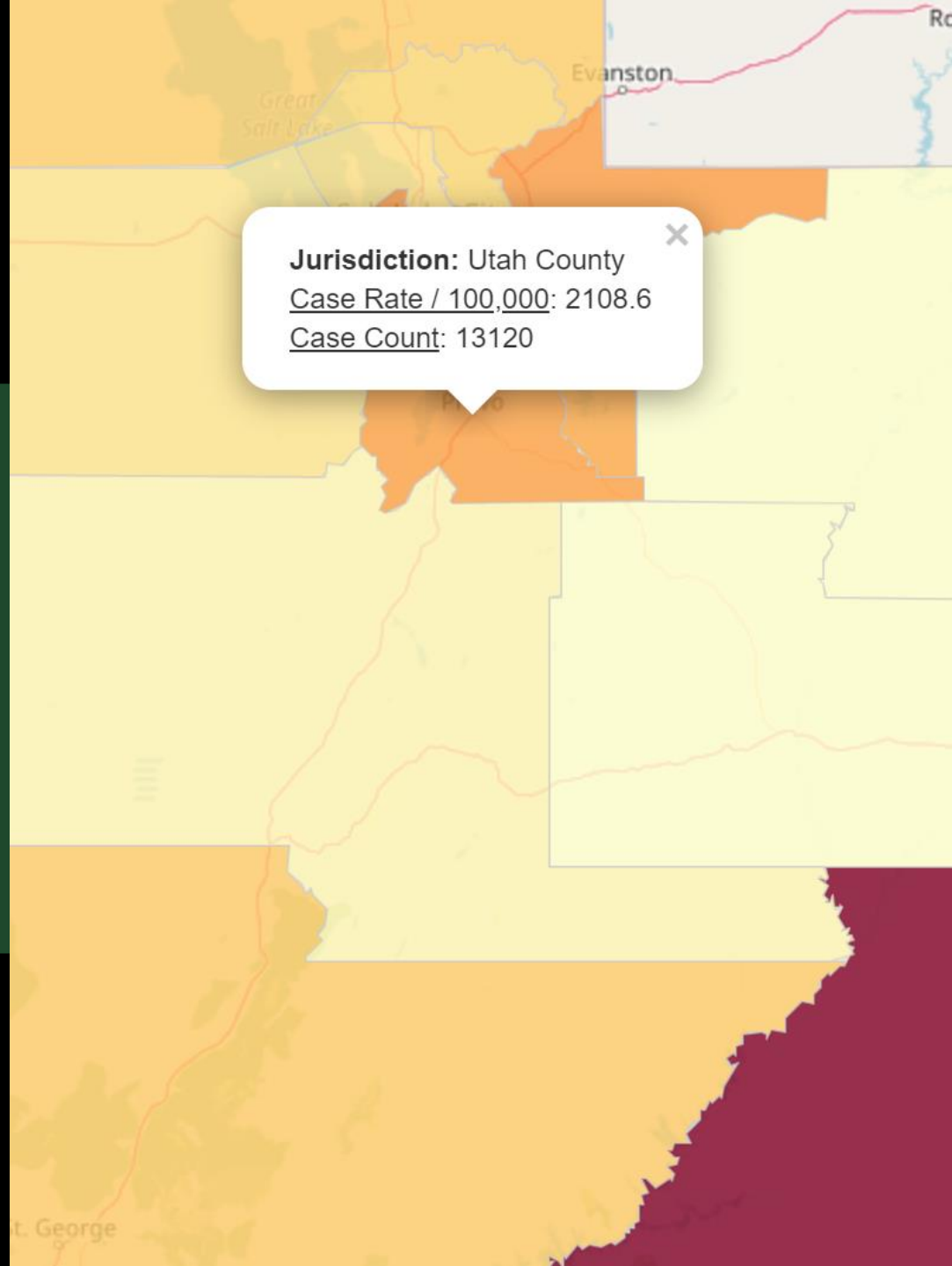
PREVENTATIVE MEASURES:

- Spacing in classrooms
- Health screenings for specialty labs
- Required masks, followed with encouraging, educating, and reminding.
- Signage in classrooms, digitally, entry points, bathrooms, etc.
- Contact tracing UVU students
- Cleaning supplies in all classrooms (encourage self-cleaning)
- Hand sanitizer stations across campus located in high traffic areas
- Campaigns from UVUSA: Peer to peer messaging
- Constant communication from student groups, for staff, for faculty
- Streamlined websites, easier to find important information

UTAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- We have followed directions from the Utah County Health Department and are in daily contact with them
- Our team meets formally with their team once a week



COVID-19 PROTOCOL:

Confirmed Case & Suspected – Level One Case

- Student/faculty attendance in F2F courses is checked. Courses with possible exposure are notified via a Canvas message.
- Case is asked to isolate away from campus for 10 days.
- Case is counted toward classroom and building trigger points to identify case clusters.

Suspected Case – Level Two

- Student/faculty attendance in F2F courses is checked. Courses are not notified.
- Suspected case is asked to isolate away from campus for 10 days and encouraged to get a COVID-19 test.
- Suspected case is counted toward classroom and building trigger points to identify case clusters.

Possible Case

- Possible case is asked to isolate away from campus for 10 days and encouraged to get a COVID-19 test.
- Possible cases are counted, but not identified by classroom or building. Class attendance is not confirmed and courses are not notified.

COVID-19 PROTOCOL (STUDENT CONDUCT):

- While enrolled at UVU, students must follow the Student Code of Conduct, UVU Policy 541, and other policies.
- Students who disregard the requirement to wear face coverings may be in violation of the Student Code for endangering the health or safety of others and may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution.
- Use balanced and fair systems of resolution through an education-based, informal resolution process, which includes conversations to deepen understanding about community responsibility.
- Repeated violations of the Student Code may be subject to progressive sanctions, including written warning, probation, and suspension from the university. (None so far.)

QUARANTINED CLASSES:

- 2 dance classes are quarantined
- 4 aviation classed have been moved to remote instruction for the rest of the semester (protect flight time)
- No building has met the trigger point to take a break for 14 days or move to remote instruction yet
- The Noorda Center is the closest, with 11 people testing positive

TOP ISSUES FOR THE NEXT 4-6 WEEKS:

1. **Stay open** and continue with face-to-face classes until Nov. 24
2. **Remain vigilant**, it is easy to let our guard down
3. **Communicate clearly and frequently**
4. **Manage anyone testing positive** (get them help, education, and action plan they need)
5. **Decrease transmission off campus** (encourage students to stay away from unsafe large gatherings, parties, hanging out with people who are currently ill, etc.)